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## NEWS



Tony M. Kotin, MD '77, GME

## Leadership Message: RMCAA Building Enthusiasm, Momentum Into 2015

"The Rush Medical College Alumni Association Executive Council had a very productive fiscal year in 2014. The thrust of the year was to create a business plan that would guide the council's work and provide milestones against which to measure progress. Driven by alumni feedback, our three major areas of focus are **promoting alumni engagement, enhancing the value of a Rush degree, and supporting the medical college, residency and fellowship programs.**

We have already seen successes with the creation of a legacy application process, increased participation in funding of the White Coat Ceremony and the recruitment of 40 co-chairs for our 2015 reunion. We enter 2015 with great enthusiasm and momentum."

— Tony M. Kotin, MD '77, GME, President of the Rush Medical College Alumni Association

## Fellows, Colleagues Honor Rosenberg With Endowed Chair

When Craig Silverton, DO, GME, returned to the U.S. from military service with the Air Force, he applied for a fellowship in total-joint orthopedics at Rush, where he studied under Aaron Rosenberg, MD.

"Aaron changed the path of my life," Silverton said.

Twenty years after the fellowship, Silverton and Rosenberg's longtime nurse, Regina Barden, convinced 57 other physicians — including other former residents and fellows, as well as Rosenberg's partners at Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush — to collectively donate \$2 million to fund an endowed chair in Rosenberg's name.

Rosenberg never saw it coming.

"I was shocked that on my behalf a number of people were pursuing this," Rosenberg said. "I felt humbled by it."

Read more at [www.rush.edu/news/physicians-honor-mentor](http://www.rush.edu/news/physicians-honor-mentor).



Craig Silverton, DO, GME, (left) and Aaron Rosenberg, MD, (right)

## Leadership Changes at Rush

As Rush University and Rush Medical College have grown, so has the need for dedicated leadership at the University and college levels. As such, Thomas A. Deutsch, MD '79, GME, who has served for 13 years as the Henry P. Russe, MD, Dean of Rush Medical College and 10 years as provost of Rush University, will step down as dean and serve solely as University provost.

The duties of the dean of Rush Medical College will become a separate full-time position, with a search for Deutsch's successor beginning immediately. Deutsch will continue to serve as dean until a replacement is selected. The Office of Alumni Relations will share more information about the search process as it becomes

available. Alumni association leadership sincerely thank Deutsch — who served as alumni association president from 1990 to 1993 — for his continued dedication to the alumni association and his tireless commitment to Rush Medical College.

Read more about this leadership transition online at [www.rmc.rushalumni.org/rmcdean](http://www.rmc.rushalumni.org/rmcdean).



Christopher G. Goetz, MD '75, GME

## Goetz to Be Honored as Distinguished Alumnus

Christopher G. Goetz, MD '75, GME, will receive the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award at RMC Reunion in October. Goetz is the director of the Rush Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Program. He is one of the nation's leading experts on movement disorders, having published more than 400 papers in the field. Goetz is actively involved with the American Academy of Neurology, the American Neurological Association, and the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society. He is a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar and has been the recipient of the Stanley Fahn Presidential Award of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society.

## CLASS NOTES

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For a more extensive listing of classmates' news and updates, see our website at [www.rmc.rushalumni.org/classnotes](http://www.rmc.rushalumni.org/classnotes).

**Thomas P. Bleck, MD '77, GME**, professor of neurological sciences, neurosurgery, medicine and anesthesiology and associate chief medical officer for critical care at Rush, was the keynote speaker for the 28th annual meeting of the Japan Society of Neurological Emergencies and Critical Care in Tokyo and Atami, Japan, last July. This meeting marked the start of an academic affiliation between the Japan Society of Neurological Emergencies and Critical Care and the Neurocritical Care Society, of which Bleck is the founding past president. Additionally, Bleck was recently selected a Master of Critical Care Medicine (MCCM) by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Bleck received the MCCM designation during the SCCM's 44th Critical Care Congress on Jan. 19, 2015, in Phoenix.

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## Welcoming GME Alumni to RMCAA

If you completed your residency or fellowship at Rush, you are likely receiving more communications from the Rush Medical College Alumni Association (RMCAA), including this publication. Graduate medical education (GME) alumni are members of the RMCAA and a vital part of the Rush community. We hope to keep all GME alumni informed about the Medical Center and training at Rush and keep you engaged with news from the alumni association.

## Save the Date: Reunion 2015

Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015  
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Reunion 2015 is less than a year away for RMC alumni whose class years end in four, five, nine or zero. The two-day celebration will include class receptions, a tour of Rush's Tower hospital and the recently opened Rush Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation, lunch with students, and an all-class banquet at the University Club.

Meet the Reunion 2015 co-chairs and see pictures from past events online at [www.rmc.rushalumni.org/reunion](http://www.rmc.rushalumni.org/reunion).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni North Shore Event  
Spring 2015

Alumni living and working in Chicago's north and northwest suburbs will be invited to join leadership and current students to reconnect with Rush and fellow alumni.

Commencement Banquet  
Wednesday, May 20, 2015  
Union League Club of Chicago

Welcome the RMC graduating class of 2015 to the alumni community.

Benjamin Rush Society Reception  
Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015

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**Lois M. Nora, MD '79, GME**, received an honorary degree from the Northeast Ohio Medical University in May. Nora is a former president and dean of the College of Medicine at NEOMED and directed the transition of NEOMED from a college of medicine into a health sciences university by establishing the College of Pharmacy and the College of Graduate Studies during her tenure as president.

**Karen B. Weinstein, MD '83, GME**, has joined Rush as a primary care physician and assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

**Mary C. Anderson, MD '91, GME**, has joined Valence Health, Inc. as medical director. Valence Health is a Chicago-based consultancy with special expertise in value-based payment models. She will continue to remain on medical staff at Rush.

**Xin Qi Dong, MD '99**, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Rush.

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**Gunnar B. J. Andersson, MD, PhD, GME**, was named president of the International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery for 2014 to 2015. Andersson previously was honored with the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine Stryker Spine Lifetime Achievement Award and the Trustee Medal from Rush University Medical Center. Andersson retired from Rush on Dec. 31 after more than 30 years with the Medical Center.

**Eric J. Bieber, MD, GME**, was named president and CEO of the Rochester Regional Health System in New York. Previously, he served as president of University Hospital Community Hospitals West Region and president of UH's Accountable Care Organizations. Bieber began his new role on Nov. 1.

**William F. Hartsell, MD, GME**, has been named a Fellow of the American Society for Radiation Oncology. Hartsell, medical director of the CDH Proton Center in Warrenville, Illinois, is one of 30 radiation oncologists selected for the honor in 2014. Hartsell also serves as the president of Radiation Oncology Consultants, Ltd., and has practiced for more than 30 years.

Rush has appointed **Jerome Hoeksema, MD, GME**, as acting chairperson of the Department of Urology. Hoeksema has had his clinical practice at Rush for more than 30 years and is a senior member of the department.

**Bala N. Hota, MD, GME**, has joined Rush as an infectious disease specialist, chief research information officer and associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Rush has appointed **Joshua J. Jacobs, MD, GME**, associate provost for research in Rush University. Jacobs also continues in his role as chairperson of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, a position he has held since 2008. For the past four years, he has served in a leadership role with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, becoming its 81st president in 2013.

**Janis M. Orlowski, MD, GME**, has been selected chief health care officer of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Orlowski joined the AAMC as senior director of clinical transformation in October 2013, after serving for nine years as chief medical officer and chief operating officer at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Prior to her MedStar tenure, Orlowski held several leadership roles at Rush, including executive dean for operations and associate vice president of medical affairs from 1996 to 2004. Orlowski also serves as chair of the U.S. Department of Health's DC Board of Medicine and previously held various leadership roles with the Chicago Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Board and United Network of Organ Sharing.

IN MEMORIAM

**Walter G. Ackerman, MD '33**, of Las Vegas, Nevada; March 24, 2001

**Kevin P. Sweeney, MD '83**, of Gallup, New Mexico; April 19, 2014

**Vedang A. Londhe, MD '95**, of Los Angeles, California; January 7, 2015

**Engin Deniz, MD, GME**, of Marco Island, Florida; August 16, 2014

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Ranga Krishnan, MD  
Photo courtesy of Duke University

### Ranga Krishnan, MD, Named New Dean of Rush Medical College

Ranga Rama Krishnan, MD, has been appointed dean of Rush Medical College and senior vice president of Rush University Medical Center. He will assume his appointment at Rush in October.

Krishnan succeeds Thomas A. Deutsch, MD '79, GME, who will continue serving as Rush University provost.

Krishnan most recently served for seven years as the dean at the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore and previously as the school's executive vice dean. Among other roles, he also was chairman of psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center from 1998 to 2009, during which time the department included

more than 490 faculty members who conducted more than 270 studies a year.

Read more about Krishnan's experience online at [www.rmc.rushalumni.org/NewRMCDean](http://www.rmc.rushalumni.org/NewRMCDean).

### Five Reasons to Attend Reunion 2015

1. You'll feel inspired after hearing about past Distinguished Alumni Award, or DAA, recipients' keys to success.
2. 2015 DAA recipient Christopher Goetz, MD '75, GME, will discuss a challenging patient case involving visual hallucinations and Parkinson's disease. You will learn how this case brings together neurology, psychiatry, ophthalmology, sleep medicine, pharmacology and neuroimaging.
3. Top leadership — CEO Larry Goodman, MD, GME, and Provost Thomas A. Deutsch, MD '79, GME — will give you an exclusive glimpse into Rush's future.
4. You'll learn about medical school admissions trends and legacy admissions at Rush; you be the judge of whether you'd be admitted if you applied today.
5. You can reconnect with classmates and see who's changed the most (or who hasn't changed at all) at your class gathering and all-class Reunion Banquet.

Visit [www.rmc.rushalumni.org/reunion](http://www.rmc.rushalumni.org/reunion) to see what else we have in store for Reunion 2015.



Louise Berner, MD '88

### Alumna Serves the Underserved

For Louise Berner, MD '88, the Fenix Family Health Center is the culmination of her 25 years in community medicine with one major focus: treat all patients with the utmost respect. The Highwood, Illinois, clinic — of which Berner is founder and head physician — serves a growing array of needs for surrounding Lake County, especially for recent immigrants who speak little to no English.

"Our motto is high quality, low cost, great service," Berner said. "We took the personal attention aspects of a primary care practice and combined them with the accessibility of a walk-in clinic, with a few more services than either of the two usually have."

Fenix offers primary care, physical therapy, a pharmacy, lab testing, nutrition, fitness and health education, all with the help of an entirely bilingual staff. Fenix also expanded its mental health services recently by hiring a psychiatric social worker. Word has spread among the Spanish-speaking communities since Fenix opened five years ago, and they now serve more than 6,000 patients.

Berner credits her hands-on experiences while studying at Rush for shaping her approach to problem solving, and for showing her the importance of serving the underserved.

"Being on the West Side of Chicago, you see the people who really are in need," Berner said. "Rush taught us how to solve problems as a group and not as a hierarchy. That's how we do it here."

### Class of '75 Leads 2015 Reunion Class Gifts

Thanks to our many generous medical alumni, Reunion has become synonymous with class giving. In honor of their 40th reunion this year, the Class of 1975 had raised \$90,500 for their class gift as of Aug. 31 and a total of more than \$250,000 for Rush Medical College scholarships since July 2014.

Class giving got a boost from a unique fundraising challenge presented by R. Joseph Olk, MD '75, Reunion 2015 co-chair. Olk made an initial \$40,000 gift to medical scholarships at Rush and pledged to match the same amount for each of his fellow '75 classmates who also give \$40,000 to scholarships.

"With the average debt load of a graduating Rush medical student approaching \$200,000, our philanthropy could not be put to better use," Olk said about the challenge.

Olk also pledged to donate an additional \$40,000 on top of the match challenge if the class gift reaches 40 percent participation. As of Aug. 31, 32 percent of the Class of 1975 had contributed to the class gift.

Other classes have also had generous class gift participation:

- Class of 1980 – \$62,850 raised, 26 percent participation
- Class of 1979 – \$58,950 raised, 20 percent participation
- Class of 1984 – \$52,946 raised, 26 percent participation
- Class of 1974 – \$39,800 raised, 27 percent participation
- Class of 1990 – \$35,911 raised, 16 percent participation

Learn more about contributing to class gifts by contacting the Ross Crampton, director of alumni giving, at (312) 942-7165 or [roscoe\\_crampton@rush.edu](mailto:roscoe_crampton@rush.edu).

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### Securing the Future

Putting Rush in your will is a small step to ensure that future generations will have the same opportunity you did — and costs nothing now.

To learn more about gift planning options, including bequests, charitable gift annuities and other tax-wise giving opportunities, please contact Susan Sasvari, senior director of gift planning, at (312) 942-3691 or [susan\\_sasvari@rush.edu](mailto:susan_sasvari@rush.edu) or visit [www.rush.edu/giftplanning](http://www.rush.edu/giftplanning).

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**Aaron Hamb, MD '84, GME**, medical director of Cook County Health & Hospitals System's Provident Hospital, was voted "Doctor of the Year" for the system. Staff across the system recognized Hamb for his exceptional care, compassion for patients and commitment to the system.

**John F. Sweeney, MD '88**, has been appointed the Joseph Brown Whitehead Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine. He will also serve as director of surgical services and surgeon-in-chief for Emory Healthcare and chief of the surgery section of the Emory Clinic.

**Catherine Dimou, MD '91, GME**, has been appointed associate dean for medical services at Rush. She is responsible for developing policies that increase care coordination across all of Rush's medical services departments. She will continue as chief medical officer of Rush Health, Rush's physician/hospital organization.

**Patricia M. Young, MD '91**, a physician for Franciscan Alliance in Munster, Indiana, lives in Northbrook, Illinois, with her husband, Jim. Young enjoys traveling to developing countries and going on photography safaris. Her son **Patrick E. Young, MD '08**, completed an anesthesia residency and fellowship in pain management at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He now practices at Beaumont Health System in Royal Oaks, Michigan, and is raising a daughter, Anna, who was born in February.

**Kathleen M. Weber, MD '96, GME**, is the first woman physician to be named president-elect of the Major League Baseball Team Physicians Association. Weber, of Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush and the director of Primary Care/Sports Medicine and Women's Sports Medicine at Rush, will become president in 2016. She is a team physician for the Chicago Bulls, Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Force Women's Football team. She is also the head team physician for the DePaul Blue Demons and Malcolm X College and a physician consultant for Hubbard Street Dance Company.

**Ericka D. Brown, MD '00**, has been named the new head of Ben Taub Hospital, a level-one trauma center in Houston.

**Lisa Feldman, MD '10**, has been selected for the William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Feldman is the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine neurosurgery department's first Wagenen Fellowship winner. With the award, Feldman receives a \$120,000 stipend and \$15,000 in research support. She traveled to New Zealand in July to study perfluorocarbon as a new oxygen delivery therapy in hopes of reversing the cell death that results from radiation treatment of brain cancers, working in collaboration with a researcher from Washington University in St. Louis on the project.

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Last year Texas Gov. Rick Perry appointed **Michael R. Arambula, MD, GME**, president of the Texas Medical Board. Arambula is the first Hispanic physician to preside over the Texas Medical Board.

**Michael Silver, MD, GME**, vice president of medical affairs for Rush Oak Park Hospital, will continue in his current role in the chief medical office, where he has worked successfully on special projects and in oversight of quality and safety at Rush Oak Park Hospital.

Former Illinois governor Pat Quinn appointed **Allison L. Weathers, MD, GME**, to the Illinois State Medical Marijuana Advisory Board as the neurologist on the board. Weathers is associate chief medical information officer and associate professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences at Rush.

IN MEMORIAM

**Alexander Hilkevitch, MD '41**, of Wilmette, Illinois; Jan. 1, 2015

**Willie C. Blair, MD '74**, of Bowie, Maryland; Feb. 20, 2015

**Herman D. Sloane, MD '80**, of Orland Park, Illinois; Jan. 15, 2015

**Stephen C. Bunting, MD '82**, of Hinsdale, Illinois; Feb. 1, 2015

**Martin D'Amore, MD '94**, of Gastonia, North Carolina; Jan. 28, 2015

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**Harold M. Griffiths, GME**, of Napa, California; Dec. 1, 2013

**Gordon Eric Katske, GME**, of Saratoga, California; Feb. 2, 2015

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